

# SNOWCASTS START IN MAIL TRIBUNE ON DECEMBER 22

### Data On Winter Sports Regions Will Be Published Each Friday For Season.

Beginning with the December 22 issue and continuing each Friday for 18 consecutive weeks thereafter, the Medford Mail Tribune has arranged again to bring its readers the popular reports of snow, road and weather conditions at favorite winter sports areas in the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland of southern Oregon and northern California.

The reports will include essential information obtained each Friday morning at Crater Lake national park, Union Creek, Diamond lake, Lake of the Woods, Mt. Ashland, Siskiyou summit, Mt. Shasta Sierra Alpine lodge and Mt. Shasta Snowman's hill. Data on snow depth, description of snow for skiing, prevailing weather and road conditions, together with information of tournaments, special events, etc., will be assembled for each sports area. Information on summer home conditions at Diamond lake and Lake of the Woods resorts after major winter storms will be included.

The organizations cooperating with the Mail Tribune, under the coordination of the division of irrigation, soil conservation service, are the Crater Lake national park, Rogue River, Umpqua and Shasta national forests, California Oregon Power company and Oregon state highway commission. The U. S. weather bureau will furnish a forecast of week-end weather.

The following descriptive terminology will be used: **Packed snow** is settled snow which will support the weight of skiers.

**Normal packed snow** is snow which will completely support skiers on the surface, presenting a hard unbreakable surface to skis.

**Soft snow** is unpacked snow into which skiers will sink more than four inches; further classification as to consistency should include: **Powder**, meaning light, fluffy snow; **medium**, meaning normal soft snow; and **wet**, meaning heavy, wet snow.

**Variable snow** is snow which, as implied, may be both soft and packed. Wind often packs snow in spots, while other portions of the surface are soft.

**Granular snow** is old, wet snow, in appearance and consistency much like the wet rock salt used to pack ice cream. Usually found only in the spring and at high altitudes.

**Breakable crust** is snow with a surface which breaks under the weight of the skier. It is treacherous and skiers will be warned in advance of its existence in any area on a particular week-end.

## RAINS AND GALE ON COAST ABATE

Portland, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Rain and gales which had battered Oregon since Wednesday eased today although shipping con-

### Mixup



In a St. Louis divorce case, Elmer de Brunner testified that Maurice Hamilton (top), an electrical worker, had offered him \$100, an automobile and a refrigerator if DeBrunner would take Hamilton's wife (lower). Both Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton sought a decree.

continued to await quiet weather at the Columbia river bar.

The storm dumped an inch of rain in 24 hours on at least five cities, storm warnings remained up along the coast and a renewal of the blow was expected. Eleven ships rode at anchor, awaiting an opportunity to cross the bar.

Falls City, in Polk county, sloshed with 4.28 inches of rain in 24 hours. Newport got 2.79 inches, Brookings 1.43 and Hood River 1.32. Portland's share was 1.37 inches.

Major highways were in good condition, the Oregon state highway association said. High water slowed traffic on some coastal secondary roads.

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The rainfall yesterday brought the precipitation for the month to 5.46 inches, an excess above normal of 3.82 inches. Rainfall for the season stood at 7.92 inches at 5 p. m. yesterday, an excess of 1.90 inches.

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## OREGON MAY SEEK RIGHT FOR TAX ON BONNEVILLE DAM

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Senator Charles McNary (R-Ore.) hinted today that Oregon might attempt to win congressional approval for taxes on government property or public lands at the next session.

The senator said B. T. McBain of Portland raised the question in connection with Bonneville dam on the Columbia river. The senate minority leader had previously said he was studying legislation to give western states the right to tax public lands which return an annual income or crop to the government.

McBain told the senator that Roy E. Cannon, county school superintendent of Multnomah county, in which the dam is located, reported children of Bonneville workers attended county grade schools and the county transported some to nearby high schools and later paid tuition of high school pupils from Bonneville.

The latter payments were made from the county non-high school district taxes. Cannon said the government was contributing nothing toward school support despite the addition of children of workers on the huge hydroelectric project.

An effort will be made at the next session of congress to have the Tennessee Valley Authority to pay taxes to counties and states, McBain said he believed. He added he would not be surprised if "tax minded" Oregon residents did not soon seek similar concessions from the federal government, despite an agreement not to tax government property made at the time Oregon was admitted to the union.

## DAUGHTER SLAYER GIVEN LIFE TERM

Seattle, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Superior Judge Donald A. McDonald sentenced John Frederick Wunders, 22, to life imprisonment today after denouncing him for the "atrocious" slaying of his 16-month-old daughter, Belle Frances.

Wunders made an impassioned declaration of his innocence, saying police threats against his wife prompted his confession, later repudiated. A jury convicted him last Sunday of first degree murder for asphyxiating his child by turning on gas jets in his apartment last October 17.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE HARVEST UPHELD

Portland, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Douglas Fir belt Christmas tree harvest each year is a substantial and "legitimate" forest industry, Lyle F. Watts, United States regional forester, said today.

"It helps payrolls and brings some revenue to the owners of cut-over forest lands," Watts commented. He urged the public to cooperate in eliminating waste, additional fire hazards and disregard of silvicultural conditions in cutting young trees.

Several million Christmas trees are shipped south and east each year from Oregon and Washington.

## 2 MEN AND GIRL DIE IN ALBERTA MURDER, SUICIDE

Orion, Alta., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Two men and a girl were shot to death near this little south-east Alberta farming community last night in what police said was a double slaying and suicide case.

The dead: Irene Bogin, 21-year-old daughter of an old-time Orion farmer.  
Ivin Ridley of Taber, Alta., the girl's companion on an automobile drive.  
Ernest Brodine, 35-year-old

Orion district farmer who, according to the girl's family, had called for her after she went out with Ridley.

William Echmier, another Orion district farmer, told police Ridley, already wounded, had driven up to his home last night and said: "Irene Bogin is dead." Echmier said Ridley had told him Brodine had stopped his car about two miles away and shot Ridley and the girl with a high-powered rifle.

The girl's body was in Ridley's car when he arrived at Echmier's home and Ridley died while being taken to the Medicine Hat hospital. Royal Canadian Mounted Police later found Brodine's body in an automobile on a lonely road three miles south of here. He had been shot through the heart and a high powered rifle lay beside him on the seat.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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